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Description: f. 1 - Full skin - Unbound: originally a rolled chart, now flattened and mounted under glass. - It belonged to arctic traveller Richard King (1811?-76) and was bought in London by Alphonse Pinart (1832-1911); not in his 1884 sale. Obtained from him in Paris in 1885 by Dr. Jules Théodore Ernest Hamy (1842-1908). His sale by Anderson, New York, 19 November 1912, n. 3, with reproductions on pls. 4 and 5. Bought by James William Ellsworth. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). Harrisse, Discovery, 112 and 431. G. Marcel, Reproductions de cartes & de globes relatifs à la découverte de l'Amérique (Paris 1894) 1:37-39, reproduction in vol. 2, n. 11. N. A. E. Nordenskiöld, Periplus (Stockholm 1897) 128-29 with reproduction on pl. 45. W. Gosling, Labrador, Its Discovery, Exploration and Development (Toronto [191?]) 59-60 with reproduction of portion of chart opposite p. 58. Cortesão, Cartografia 1:176-77. De Ricci, 44-45. H. Winter, "The Pseudo-Labrador and the Oblique Meridian," Imago Mundi 2 (1937) 62, 71, 73. PAC, 8. R. Levillier, Americo Vesputio (Madrid 1966) 225-29, 266 n. 12 and 13, reproduction opposite p. 288. C. H. Hapgood, Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings (New York 1979) 151-73 with reproduction on pp. 152-153 (this work should be used with caution, as there are many inaccuracies).

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Part 1: f. 1r-v

Description: - Parchment - 942 x 585 mm - Top and bottom border decorated with gold in trellis pattern, latitude scales form borders at left and right.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XVIⁱⁿ

Searchable Date Range: 1500 - 1515

Dated by scribe: No

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Other Decoration: Black and red ink for nomenclature in a minuscule script with area names in square capitals; land masses outlined in color with islands painted in blue or red, gold or silver; 12 compass roses with the usual 32 rhumb line network in black, red, and green ink for principal directions; double latitude scales (numbered 5° higher on right than on left) and double equator (to compensate for magnetic variation), no longitude; distance is indicated by a series of small circles in lower right corner; decorated with a few figures and vignettes (very faded).

Notes: Possibly made in Italy after a Portuguese prototype early in the 16th century (ca. 1502). A. Magnaghi in *Il planisfero del 1523 della Biblioteca del Re in Torino* (Florence 1929) 27, and G. Caraci in *Tabulae geographicae vetustiores in Italia adservatae* (Florence 1932) 3:62 attribute this chart to Amerigo Vespucci. Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: f. 1

Title: Portolan chart

Language(s): Latin

Notes: World chart, including America (portions of West Indies, Venezuela, Brazil and Newfoundland).